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The United States Navy's  
**PROJECT HANDCLASP**  
**1999 HIGHLIGHTS**





From the Director,

I want to thank you, as a friend of Project Handclasp, for your interest in this unique people-to-people program. It is only through the support of many generous, caring, and patriotic individuals that Project Handclasp has been able to accomplish so much over the years. I see a one-of-a-kind institution that provides so much return for our Navy and our nation, with so little investment. It is truly a remarkable and inspiring achievement.

The year 1999 was a time of change and recognition for the program. During this period, Project Handclasp hosted an official visit by the Under Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable Jerry M. Hultin. This was a significant program event, and was covered on local television. Project Handclasp also provided a short-fused, specially tailored shipment of humanitarian/goodwill materials in support of an official visit to East Timor by Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command, Admiral Dennis C. Blair. Our office also hosted the visit of Commander, Third FLEET, Vice Admiral Dennis V. McGinn. Both of these distinguished naval officers expressed their great admiration for the U.S. Navy's Project Handclasp.



At the request of Commander, Logistics Group, Western Pacific, and with the strong support of Commander, Seventh FLEET, Project Handclasp established a new material staging area in Singapore, for a total of nine worldwide. This latest expansion is evidence of the program's reputation, success, and value to operational commanders and diplomatic officials. Project Handclasp continued to be a featured part of important naval exercises such as Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT), the UNITAS cruise to South America, and West African Training Cruise (WATC). These Handclasp contributions, along with the good work of our sailors and marines in people-to-people efforts, were a significant aspect of foreign port visits around the world, and supported our ongoing Strategy of Cooperative Engagement.

We were able to accomplish these achievements while managing a staggering 75% turnover of staff personnel. Nearly every month of 1999 featured new and exciting accomplishments. I am always amazed at what our fine sailors and marines do for those in need around the globe, on a voluntary basis, with the most positive attitude and heartwarming spirit.

I am honored to work with these fine Americans and all the people who make this special outreach possible. The great support of all involved is truly extraordinary.

M. C. TEVELSON  
Director, U.S. Navy's Project Handclasp

# *1999 General Information*

During 1999, Project Handclasp (PH) continued to support U.S. Navy ships as they deployed to all corners of the globe. As the only program of its type in the U.S. Military, Project Handclasp delivered a wide variety of humanitarian, educational, and goodwill materials to Navy ships, for distribution at locations throughout the world visited by these ships on deployment. In addition to routine support of individual ships, Project Handclasp provided specially tailored humanitarian supplies to Navy commands participating in major exercises with foreign military forces, and to commands deploying to unusual locations. In 1999, a total of 52 ships and other transports carried Project Handclasp material. A total of 600,000 pounds of material was staged overseas or distributed to needy recipients in 38 countries/islands.

**Cooperative Engagement.** Project Handclasp continues to fulfill a vital role in the U.S. Military's Cooperative Engagement programs. In the never ending effort to engage the military forces and the general public of foreign countries, Project Handclasp stands out as a low-cost, high-return event that is repeated over and over again with each distribution by a ship's crew.

Project Handclasp cannot compare in size to a large multi-national military exercise. However, the high number of distributions conducted, an average of two distributions each week, lends Project

"Project Handclasp is a perfect example of the Navy's effort to support all facets of our Cooperative Engagement strategies."

--Under Secretary Jerry M. Hultin

Handclasp the distinction of being a continuous engagement. In 1999, 46 Navy and Coast Guard commands distributed material during 89 port visits, conducting a total of 124 distributions to recipient organizations. The engagement value of this unique program is very high, considering that the operating costs are very low and that the material is obtained by donations from private individuals, service and religious organizations and industry.

"...Project Handclasp is an outstanding model for U.S. military engagement around the world..."

Ambassador Pifer,

Project Handclasp is discussed in the Theater Engagement Plans for theater commanders as an example of the variety of engagement activities available. As stated in the Theater Engagement plan for Commander U.S. Naval Forces Europe, "Project Handclasp events can establish a very positive U.S. Military, economic, and political linkage." The inclusion of Project Handclasp in official engagement

planning documents highlights the value of the program to the military and to the nation. This concept is clearly stated by the Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet:

"Project Handclasp is a meaningful program in which Sailors truly become Ambassadors of Goodwill. The number of testimonials to the program is evidence of its success. The inspiration our sailors derive from Project Handclasp is moving and the enhanced reputation these sailors and our Nation earn, as a result of the program, is a valuable and vital benefit."

Admiral V. E. Clark, USN  
Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, 14 Oct

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**U.S. Embassy Team.** A key player in the Project Handclasp distribution process is the Naval Attaché in the receiving country. He is informed of each upcoming visit, either by Project Handclasp or by the ship. He reviews the material being offered, selects a recipient organization, arranges local transportation, and handles customs or cultural issues, if required. Without his assistance, the burden on the ship would be enormous. In return, the entire U.S. embassy team benefits. The Project Handclasp distribution, along with the customary Community Relations project, focuses attention on the U.S. Embassy, as the coordinator of the event. Some feedback from U.S. Attachés highlights these benefits:

“Through the efforts of the officers and sailors of USS ARLEIGH BURKE, and ships of the Sixth Fleet like her, Project Handclasp has left an indelible, highly positive impression on numerous schools, hospitals and orphanages. It is not an exaggeration to say Project Handclasp has contributed singularly to winning hearts and minds in Ukraine. USDAO Kiev salutes the organizers of Project Handclasp and all the sailors and marines who have carried it out over these past five years”

U.S. Defense Attaché Office Kiev, Ukraine, 19 Feb 99

“Sailors and marines participating in the Project Handclasp materials donation brought assistance to the people of Guguletu [South Africa], a disadvantaged area which suffered significant damage when a tornado hit Cape Town in August. The Project Handclasp donation was widely touted as very tangible expressions of support for the tornado victims, and gratefully accepted for its unusual (for South Africans) concept of individual Americans responding to far-away residents in time of need. As a community representative in Guguletu put it at the Project Handclasp ceremony, ‘South Africans are acutely aware that large numbers of Americans have themselves suffered in winds and floods. Their assistance to Guguletu Tornado victims was therefore all the more touching to them.’”

U.S. Consulate General, Cape Town, South Africa, 12 Nov

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“The much-anticipated arrival of the USS CARTER HALL to Walvis Bay, Namibia, on 10 November was well received by local municipal and regional leaders, heads of charitable organizations, and the community at large.”

U.S. Defense Attaché Office Windhoek, Namibia, 23 Nov

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**The Sailors.** Project Handclasp would not be possible without the dedicated effort of volunteer sailors and marines onboard Navy ships that carry out the distributions. For Project Handclasp, the sailors are the point of the spear. They transfer the material from the ship to a

bus or truck, ride with it to the recipient organization, and personally deliver the material to the ultimate recipient. Instead of sightseeing, shopping, or other typical liberty activities, these men and women elect to spend their precious liberty time visiting needy people, conducting Project Handclasp distributions, and performing community service projects. The sailors and marines uniformly point to the sense of accomplishment and pride following a handclasp distribution. As described in the following messages, this boost in morale affects the entire crew, generating additional volunteers for the next Handclasp event:

“The positive impact on American sailors cannot be overstated. In addition to helping cement further good relations with our Mexican neighbors at the personal level, delivery of Project Handclasp (PH) materials help our sailors to feel good about themselves and their role in the Navy. In turn, our sailors are more likely to re-enlist because the Navy and PH enabled them to personally experience the rewards that come from being a blessing to others. ... It was a marvelous morale-lifter for the entire JUNEAU crew, and of clear benefit to all those of the Salvation Army Home for Children in Mazatlan. We eagerly await our next opportunity to participate with PH in future foreign ports.”

Commanding Officer, USS JUNEAU, 29 Apr 99

“Volunteers then visited the Methodist Home for the Aged where they distributed exercise equipment and two cases of friendship bags. The exercise equipment was greatly appreciated for the bedridden patients to work their muscles. The crew also painted the exterior of the home. The Director was very happy with the finished product. Volunteers were very happy to sacrifice their liberty time to provide goodwill and humanitarian aid. These quiet heroes made a big impression on the people of Singapore.”

Commanding Officer, USS KINKAID, 6 Aug 99



Sailors from USS VANDEGRIFT distribute skateboards in  
Phuket, Thailand

Many sailors are repeat customers; when possible, they participate in each distribution that the ship conducts. Occasionally, the demand outnumbers the availability, and the ship cannot accommodate all the volunteers, as described in this recent message:

“Due to a variety of restrictions for personnel going ashore in East Timor, the number of ship volunteers was limited to a mere fraction of the overwhelming number of sailors who signed up to assist. A request for additional PH materials was approved and is scheduled for onload during our Singapore port visit. Our motivated and energetic volunteers look forward to conducting another PH event in Phuket, Thailand.”

Commander, Amphibious Squadron THREE, 4 Mar 00

**Community Relations Projects.** A ship conducting a Project Handclasp distribution frequently performs a community relations project at the same time. These community service projects, which complement the Project Handclasp distribution, allow the sailors to perform various maintenance and repairs to the buildings and grounds of the recipient organization. Typically, the recipients will host a meal or a picnic, and perform some kind of cultural dance or ceremony as a way of thanking the sailors. The successful combination of a Project Handclasp distribution and a community service project is described in the following letter:

“After only a few hours, with the work finished, the food eaten and the laughter put on hold, it was time to gather everyone together for the official presentation of the Project Handclasp skateboards.... The magnitude of this project goes far beyond the new paint on the walls. The goodwill created, and new friendships established between the United States and the people of Thailand, will last for years to come.”

Commanding Officer, USS DUBUQUE, 7 Jun 99

**U.S. Marine Corps.** Many of the ships carrying Project Handclasp material have elements of the U.S. Marine Corps embarked. Typically the marines are integrated with the ship's crew for Handclasp distributions, but occasionally the marines execute an independent distribution. For example, the Marine Forces UNITAS, embarked on USS CARTER HALL during the UNITAS deployment to South America, detached for a few days to visit the landlocked country of Paraguay, to exercise with forces from that country. As part of their visit, the marines delivered Project Handclasp material in Asuncion, Paraguay. And in Ecuador, the marines led the way in distributing material to two orphanages in Salinas, Ecuador.

“Major Stan Budd, Commanding Officer, Marine Forces UNITAS, presented four pallets of Project Handclasp materials to two orphanages in Salinas. ‘Although they were small donations, I think they will go a long way in fostering good will for the U.S. Navy/Marine Corps team here,’ he said.”

USCOMSOLANT Press Release



**U.S. Coast Guard.** Numerous U.S. Coast Guard ships have carried Project Handclasp material on a variety of missions, ranging from short visits to Central America, to long deployments in company with Carrier Battle Groups. In 1999, five Coast Guard ships carried thirty six pallets—a total of 25,000 pounds of material—to various ports throughout the world. USCGC CHASE conducted Project Handclasp distributions on two separate deployments, one in Guatemala and one in Nicaragua. In his feedback letter, Captain J. S. Clay described how fifty members of his crew helped citizens from two communities in Nicaragua that recently suffered from devastating landslides. He goes on to say:

“On behalf of the crew, I thank you for the PH material we were able to give to the needy communities in Corinto, Nicaragua. The Project Handclasp program provides a unique opportunity for sailors to help build international friendships and support for the strategy of cooperative engagement. We look forward to future Handclasp projects.”

Commanding Officer, USCGC Chase (WHEC 718), 17 Jul 99

**Donors.** An important distinction for Project Handclasp is that the materials distributed by sailors and marines are gifts from the American people. This is significant because all of the material is donated by a wide variety of individuals, service and religious organizations, and industry. One of our best sponsors is the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. This organization of over 100,000 members has supported Project Handclasp for over 25 years. Many of the items donated by these ladies are handmade, and are not available from any other source. The personal involvement gives these items great impact when distributed to people that are lacking even the most basic of necessities.

Monetary donations are applied to the purchase of new treadle sewing machines, and more recently, to the purchase of bicycles. Fifty new 26 inch, 21 speed bicycles were recently loaded onboard USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6) and delivered to East Timor. Bicycles are the means of transportation for the average citizen in East Timor.

Another important donor is Johnson & Johnson. J&J has supported Project Handclasp for many years, with a wide variety of medical and hygienic supplies. In May, Project Handclasp was honored with a visit from the Company Group Chairman.

“As usual, it was a pleasure and a real inspiration to visit with you last Friday....I am so impressed with how Project Handclasp has grown over the years...and the clarity of thinking regarding Project Handclasp’s mission in meeting the strategic needs of the United States and the U.S. Navy.... I hope that Johnson & Johnson can be even more supportive....My deepest gratitude and admiration for your unswerving leadership of Project Handclasp and for all the lives that you so positively touch.”

William D. Dearstyne, Company Group Chairman,  
Johnson & Johnson, 24 May 99

While the donors obtain the same benefits as they would by giving to other charitable institutions, they enjoy supporting a program where the material is delivered directly to the



ultimate recipients by American sailors and marines. In Project Handclasp, the sailors and marines represent the American people, reaching out to help those in need. In the words of Captain Knouse:

“This was a fulfilling opportunity for our Sailors. The goal was to allow our Sailors to be ambassadors of goodwill on behalf of the United States. All who participated were moved by the gratitude of the recipients in receiving seemingly ordinary items. The memories we made in England and Poland will not be forgotten.”

Commanding Officer, USS HUE CITY, 6 Jan 00

# *1999 Highlights*

For the small staff of Project Handclasp, 1999 was a year of turnover and consolidation. During the year, three-fourths of the staff turned over to new personnel, and a great deal of time was spent learning the many details associated with managing this world-wide operation. However, during this period of turmoil, Project Handclasp maintained its dedication to the core mission of providing quality service to Navy ships, wherever and whenever needed.

**Visit by Under Secretary Hultin.** The most exciting event of the year was a visit by Navy Under Secretary Jerry M. Hultin, on 10 Sep 99. Secretary Hultin spent a morning at Project Handclasp, receiving presentations on the program, and visiting the main warehouse at Naval Station San Diego. His visit was covered by the local television news channel, where he said:

“Not only do we have to defend our interests in terms of power, but we have to defend our interests in terms of who we are, and show that we are a nation with a lot of warmth, and a lot of compassion, and that we want people to have better lives.”

Subsequent to the visit, Secretary Hultin sent a message to the fleet commanders, stating his appreciation for the program, and expressing his thanks for the involvement of the sailors that carry out the distributions.



“My tour of this valuable Navy program was both interesting and enlightening. The Department of the Navy can be proud of the image this program has in the fleet and how its humanitarian outreach positively affects people throughout the world....Please pass on a Bravo Zulu to the many men and women of the fleet who have voluntarily given their time to make Project Handclasp an integral part of our people-to-people engagement policy.”

Under Secretary Jerry Hultin, 22 Oct 99

**UNITAS 40.** The first big exercise of the year for Project Handclasp was UNITAS 40. Directed by Commander, South Atlantic Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet (USCOMSOLANT), UNITAS is an important annual exercise where U.S. Navy and Coast Guard ships deploy to South America to exercise with military forces from various countries. For the past 20 years, Project Handclasp has supported UNITAS deployments with materials specially tailored for the unique aspects of the deployment. In 1999 five U.S. ships, USS CARTER HALL (LSD 50), USS O'BANNON (DD 987), USS MCINERNEY (FFG 8), USS CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI (SSN-705), and USCGC FORWARD (WMEC 911), and the embarked Marine Forces UNITAS, exercised with navy and marine forces from six South American countries during the period

July-October 1999. In addition to the combined military training conducted with each country, the deployment served as an excellent opportunity for the sailors and marines to meet citizens from each country. A wide variety of cultural exchanges were held in each port. Project Handclasp distributions were among the primary activities during each port visit. These deliveries were emphasized in the initial message from USCOMSOLANT, requesting Project Handclasp material to support the deployment:

“Project Handclasp (PH) donations have long been a major element in the Navy’s annual UNITAS deployment to South America. PH is a cornerstone of our people-to-people program, allowing the U.S. Navy and its sailors to make a positive, lasting impression upon the citizens of host nations. This year’s UNITAS task force will visit Venezuela, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Peru, Ecuador, and Colombia. One PH presentation is planned for each of the seven countries.” [Prior to the deployment, Venezuela and Argentina were withdrawn, and Paraguay added.]

Commander South Atlantic Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, 11 Feb 99

Preparation for the Project Handclasp aspect of UNITAS is an involved, careful process. Most of the participating ships are homeported in Norfolk, Virginia, and would draw on Handclasp material that is staged there if they were departing on a ‘normal’ deployment. For UNITAS, however, a specially tailored loadout is assembled, packaged, and labeled at the main warehouse in San Diego, and shipped to Norfolk to be loaded on the departing ships. The materials were carefully selected, based on input from USCOMSOLANT. The U.S. Naval Attachés in the receiving countries were contacted early in the planning stage, and asked to provide input to the selection process.

The level of attention given to Project Handclasp during UNITAS is evident. For example, the American Ambassador to Colombia participated in the ceremony, as reported in the following press release:

“Sailors were in attendance from various ships participating in the UNITAS deployment, as was the United States Ambassador to Colombia, Curtis Camman. According to Camman, the donation of goods had a two-fold effect. ‘The Sailors feel they are not just here as guests but also that they have made a contribution. Secondly, some of those involved in Operation [sic] Handclasp are able to visit the institutions that receive the items and that gives them a good idea of how people live and the positive things we can do for them.’”

USCOMSOLANT Press Release

In Peru, Project Handclasp was given three-star attention, however the Admirals and General seem to be overrun with excited and grateful children:



Left: RADM Etnyre, USCOMSOLANT.  
Center: RADM Tubino, Commandant of the Peruvian Marine Corps.  
Right: LTG Pace, COMMARFORLANT

In the final analysis, the time spent in preparation for UNITAS was worth every minute. In his Project Handclasp After Action Report, Commander South Atlantic Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet says:

“Once again, Project Handclasp donations played a significant role in the people-to-people programs that are so important to UNITAS deployments. Donations provided by Project Handclasp were openly welcomed by host nations and greatly appreciated by recipients. The contributions of Project Handclasp again have served as a tangible symbol of our commitment to the people of South America.”

Rear Admiral T.T. Etnyre, USN

Commander South Atlantic Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, 6 Dec 99

**WATC 99.** USS CARTER HALL, after completing UNITAS in South America, sailed to Africa with her embarked marines to participate in West African Training Cruise (WATC) 99. The ship visited the countries of South Africa, Nigeria, Namibia, Ivory Coast, and Ghana, primarily exercising disaster relief scenarios with each country. Again, during the port visits, Project Handclasp distributions highlighted the cooperative engagement objectives of the exercise. WATC 99 was directed by Commander in Chief, U.S. Naval Forces Europe (CINCUSNAVEUR), and again required a great deal of preparation to ensure that appropriate Handclasp materials were made available. As in UNITAS, a tailored shipment was assembled at the Project Handclasp warehouse in San Diego, and shipped to Norfolk. The material was then pre-staged in Brazil, and, upon completion of UNITAS, was loaded on board USS CARTER HALL for delivery to Africa.

As in UNITAS, the results justified the effort, as revealed in the words of Deputy Commander in Chief, U.S. Naval Forces, Europe:

“The Project Handclasp program was an overwhelming success and played a key engagement role during West African Training Cruise (WATC) 99. This superb humanitarian assistance program not only provided critically needed supplies and materials for less fortunate people living in five West African countries, but also served as a vehicle for building trust and establishing friendships with our African neighbors. USS CARTER HALL (LSD 50) Sailors and Marines provided outstanding support by actively participating in the delivery and distribution of these critically needed humanitarian supplies.”

Rear Admiral M. D. Haskins, USN  
Deputy Commander in Chief,  
U.S. Naval Forces, Europe, 23 Feb 00

“Project Handclasp is an integral part of CARTER HALL and II Marine Expeditionary Forces’ West Africa Training Cruise. The people-to-people program is a means for Sailors and Marines to represent the American people in promoting international friendship and goodwill at the grass roots level by giving them the opportunity to aid the disadvantaged. This unique opportunity also allows the Sailors and Marines involved to gain a insight into the lives and cultures of citizens of other lands, while enhancing perceptions of the United States and the U.S. Navy.”

Commanding Officer, USS CARTER HALL, 1 Dec 99

**CARAT 99.** Project Handclasp is greatly enhanced when the U.S. Embassy team in the recipient country is committed to the program. One of the most active participant has been USDAO Bangkok Thailand. During the Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) 99 deployment to various western pacific countries, the participating Navy ships conducted distributions in several ports. When the Task Group visited Thailand, the crews conducted distributions in the Port City of Phuket. But later, when the ships went out to sea, four sailors remained ashore and went on a four day trip to some of the inland villages that have never received Handclasp material. These visits were extremely well organized by the USDAO Bangkok, with pre-made English language welcome signs to be displayed at the recipient organizations. As shown



LTJG Pam Foster of USS FREDERICK distributes material in Chachoengsao, Thailand

in the photograph above, the extended distribution was an overwhelming success, both for the recipients and the sailors.

**New Staging area: Singapore.** July 1999 marked the opening of a new overseas staging site for Project Handclasp material. At the request of Commander, Logistics Group Western Pacific, and strongly endorsed by Commander Seventh FLEET, a new staging site was established in Singapore, to serve operating forces in that area, and to re-supply ships of the Seventh fleet. USS FREDERICK and USS COMSTOCK, two large amphibious ships, carried a total of 150 pallets to serve as the initial material loadout for the new staging area. The site is already fulfilling its mission. In November 1999, USNS TIPPECANOE loaded materials from Singapore in preparation for a short notice port visit to Manila, Philippines.

**CINCPAC visits East Timor.** A short notice request from Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command (CINCPAC), resulted in the rapid shipment of a small amount of Handclasp material from San Diego to Pearl Harbor, for delivery to a troubled orphanage in East Timor. CINCPAC visited the region to view firsthand the conditions resulting from the fighting and strife. The distribution of Handclasp material during his visit was a signal that the American people care.

“I personally delivered the supplies to East Timor, during my December 1999 trip to the region, and witnessed the positive impact of your donation. ... ‘The smiles on the orphan’s faces say more than words ever could.’”

Admiral D. C. Blair, USN

Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command, 22 Jan 00

**Consigned Shipment to Puerto Rico.** A secondary mission for Project Handclasp is to accept, when appropriate, material from charitable organizations that is consigned to a specific recipient in a specific country. The availability of opportune transportation for consigned shipments is relatively rare. However, the right conditions were present in July 1999: a donor organization with well-packaged, worthwhile material, a U.S. Naval installation in the destination country to receive and temporarily store the material, and a large U.S. Navy ship with space available to carry the cargo. The result was the transportation of 84,500 pounds of food supplies from Norfolk, Virginia to Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico. The charitable donation was then transported by the donor for distribution to the victims who suffered the ravages of several earthquakes in Colombia.

## Significant Events Timeline

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Feb 99	CNO Staff visits Project Handclasp
May 99	Mr. William D. Dearstyne, Company Group Chairman, Johnson and Johnson, toured Project Handclasp
May 99	Annual Project Handclasp Foundation Board Meeting—Special Guest: Vice Admiral Dennis V. McGinn, Commander, Third FLEET
Jul 99	Consigned Shipment delivered to Puerto Rico
Jul 99	Singapore staging site established—150 pallets delivered by USS FREDERICK and USS COMSTOCK
Jul-Oct 99	Exercise UNITAS 40: South America
Jun-Jul 99	Exercise CARAT 99: Western Pacific
Sep 99	Navy Under Secretary Jerry M. Hultin toured Project Handclasp
Sep 99	Navy Community Service Program Manager toured Project Handclasp
Oct 99	Foreign Defense Attaché Spouses toured Project Handclasp
Nov 99	Exercise WATC 99: Africa
Dec 99	ADM Dennis C. Blair, USCINCPAC, visits East Timor with Handclasp material



## **Annex 1: 1999 Shipping Data–Countries**

This annex provides detailed information on countries visited, ships that visited each country, and the quantity of material distributed. The table summarizes Project Handclasp distributions during Calendar Year 1999, by country. The data represents reported distribution of materials in 38 known countries/islands. See the notes associated with each line for a list of the specific ships that visited that country.

<u>Note</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Weight(Lbs)</u>	<u>Cubic Feet</u>	<u>Measurement Tons</u>
(1)	Puerto Rico	84,800	5,332	133.30
(2)	Mexico	37,460	2,965	74.13
(3)	Singapore	23,010	1,317	32.93
(4)	UNITAS 40	22,450	1,600	40.00
(5)	Thailand	22,130	1,402	35.05
(6)	WATC 99	22,100	1,520	38.00
(7)	Malaysia	11,965	718	17.95
(8)	Ships distribution	11,866	791	19.78
(9)	Micronesia	11,175	525	13.13
(10)	Philippines	10,390	509	12.73
(11)	Korea	8,640	528	13.20
(12)	Indonesia	7,793	445	11.12
(13)	Guatemala	4,900	340	8.50
(14)	Brunei	3,290	198	4.95
(15)	Poland	2,880	158	3.95
(16)	Dominican Republic	2,750	130	3.25
(17)	Israel	2,450	100	2.50
(18)	Colombia	2,129	200	5.00
(19)	Nicaragua	1,950	180	4.50
(20)	Trinidad and Tobago	1,610	130	3.25
(21)	Spain	970	90	2.25
(22)	Guam	812	80	2.00
(23)	England	720	53	1.33
(24)	Ecuador	559	65	1.63
(25)	Australia	450	40	1.00
(26)	East Timor	440	40	1.00
(27)	American Samoa	100	10	0.25
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b><u>299,789</u></b>	<b><u>19,466</u></b>	<b><u>486.68</u></b>

In addition, the following materials were transported for staging:

<u>Staging Area</u>	<u>Weight(Lbs)</u>	<u>Cubic Feet</u>	<u>Measurement Tons</u>
Norfolk, VA	146,700	7,678	191.95
Singapore	133,600	6,360	159.00
Pearl Harbor, HI	36,500	1,700	42.50
Sigonella	17,400	1,340	33.50
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>334,200</u></b>	<b><u>17078</u></b>	<b><u>417.95</u></b>
<b><u>GRAND TOTAL SHIPPED</u></b>	<b><u>633,989</u></b>	<b><u>36,544</u></b>	<b><u>904.60</u></b>

NOTES:

(1) Puerto Rico:

USS WASP (LHD 1) delivered 84,800 pounds/5,332 cubic feet/133.30 tons.

(2) Mexico:

USS ESSEX (LHD 2) distributed 17,830 pounds/1,350 cubic feet/33.75 tons;

USS JUNEAU (LPD 10) distributed 11,910 pounds/1,140 cubic feet/28.50 tons;

USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64) distributed 5,700 pounds/370 cubic feet/9.25 tons;

USCGC ACTIVE (WMEC 618) distributed 2,020 pounds/105 cubic feet/2.63 tons.

(3) Singapore:

USS SACRAMENTO (AOE 1) distributed 7,150 pounds/ 350 cubic feet/ 8.75 tons;

USS COMSTOCK (LSD 45) distributed 3,275 pounds/175 cubic feet/ 4.38 tons;

USS FREDERICK (LST 1184) distributed 2,090 pounds/ 114 cubic feet/ 2.85 tons;

USS GARY (FFG 51) distributed 1,650 pounds/ 87 cubic feet/ 2.18 tons;

USS PAUL F FOSTER (DD 964) distributed 1,567 pounds/ 85 cubic feet/ 2.13 tons;

USS KINKAID (DD 965) distributed 1,500 pounds/ 130 cubic feet/ 3.25 tons;

USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64) distributed 1,250 pounds/ 85 cubic feet/ 2.13 tons;

USS OGDEN (LPD 5) distributed 1,250 pounds/ 70 cubic feet/ 1.75 tons;

USS BLUE RIDGE (LCC 19) distributed 1,228 pounds/ 72 cubic feet/ 1.80 tons;

USS GEORGE PHILIP (FFG 12) distributed 1,200 pounds/ 84 cubic feet/ 2.10 tons;

USS PELELIU (LHA 5) distributed 850 pounds/ 65 cubic feet/ 1.63 tons.

(4) UNITAS 40:

USS CARTER HALL (LSD 50), USS MCINERNEY (FFG 8), USS OBANNON (DD 987), USS CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI (SSN 709), USCGC FORWARD (WHEC 11) AND II MEF MARFOR UNITAS distributed PH materials during visits in 6 South American countries: Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Peru, Ecuador, and Colombia.

(5) Thailand:

USS COMSTOCK (LSD 45) distributed 3,275 pounds/175 cubic feet/4.38 tons;

USS FREDERICK (LST 1184) distributed 2,090 pounds/114 cubic feet/2.85 tons;

USS CHOSIN (CG 65) distributed 2,000 pounds/ 90 cubic feet/ 2.25 tons;

USS ELLIOT (DD 967) distributed 1,750 pounds/ 90 cubic feet/ 2.25 tons;  
USS GARY (FFG 51) distributed 1,650 pounds/ 87 cubic feet/ 2.18 tons;  
USS PAUL F FOSTER (DD 964) distributed 1,567 pounds/ 85 cubic feet/ 2.13 tons;  
USS STETHEM (DDG 63) distributed 1,300 pounds/ 80 cubic feet/ 2.00 tons;  
USS OGDEN (LPD 5) distributed 1,250 pounds/ 70 cubic feet/ 1.75 tons;  
USS BLUE RIDGE (LCC 19) distributed 1,228 pounds/72 cubic feet/ 1.80 tons;  
USS GEORGE PHILIP (FFG 12) distributed 1,200 pounds/ 84 cubic feet/ 2.10 tons;  
USS BENFOLD (DDG 65) distributed 1,150 pounds/ 140 cubic feet/ 3.50 tons;  
USS CURTIS WILBUR (DDG 54) distributed 1,120 pounds/ 120 cubic feet/ 3.00 tons;  
USS SACRAMENTO (AOE 1) distributed 1,000 pounds/ 100 cubic feet/ 1.25 tons;  
USS PELELIU (LHA 5) distributed 850 pounds/ 65 cubic feet/ 1.63 tons;  
USS DUBUQUE (LPD 8) distributed 400 pounds/ 40 cubic feet/ 1.00 tons;  
USS DAVID R RAY (DD 971) distributed 300 pounds/ 40 cubic feet/ 1.00 tons.

(6) WATC – 99:

USS CARTER HALL (LSD 50) distributed PH materials in 5 African countries: Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Namibia, Nigeria, and South Africa.

(7) Malaysia:

USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64) distributed 3,750 pounds/ 258 cubic feet/ 6.45 tons;  
USS COMSTOCK (LSD 45) distributed 3,275 pounds/175 cubic feet/ 4.38 tons;  
USS FREDERICK (LST 1184) distributed 2,090 pounds/ 114 cubic feet/ 2.85 tons;  
USS GARY (FFG 51) distributed 1,650 pounds/ 87 cubic feet/ 2.18 tons;  
USS GEORGE PHILIP (FFG 12) distributed 1,200 pounds/ 84 cubic feet/ 2.10 tons.

(8) Ships distribution represents the quantity of material provided to ships for which feedback has not yet been received.

(9) Federated States of Micronesia:

USCGC SASSAFRAS (WLB 401) distributed 11,175 pounds/ 525 cubic feet/ 13.13 tons to the following islands: Ngulu Atoll, Sorol Atoll, Eauripik Atoll, Ifalik Atoll, Woleai Atoll, and Ulithi Atoll.

(10) Philippines:

USNS TIPPECANOE (TAO 199) distributed 5,250 pounds/ 234 cubic feet/ 5.85 tons;  
USS ELLIOT (DD 967) distributed 1,750 pounds/ 90 cubic feet/ 2.25 tons;  
USS BLUE RIDGE (LCC 19) distributed 3,390 pounds/ 185 cubic feet/ 4.63 tons.

(11) Korea:

USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64) distributed 3,750 pounds/ 258 cubic feet/ 6.45 tons;  
USS BLUE RIDGE (LCC 19) distributed 2,540 pounds/ 160 cubic feet/ 4.00 tons;  
USS LAKE ERIE (CG 70) distributed 2,000 pounds/ 80 cubic feet/ 2.00 tons;  
USS DECATUR (DDG 73) distributed 350 pounds/ 30 cubic feet/ .75 tons.

(12) Indonesia:

USS COMSTOCK (LSD 45) distributed 3,275 pounds/175 cubic feet/ 4.38 tons;  
USS FREDERICK (LST 1184) distributed 2,020 pounds/ 114 cubic feet/ 2.85 tons;  
USS BLUE RIDGE (LCC 19) distributed 1,228 pounds/ 72 cubic feet/ 1.80 tons;  
USS GEORGE PHILIP (FFG 12) distributed 1,200 pounds/ 84 cubic feet/ 2.10 tons.

(13) Guatemala:

USCGC CHASE (WHEC 718) distributed 2,900 pounds/ 160 cubic feet/ 4.00 tons;

USS CURTS (FFG 38) distributed 2,000 pounds/ 180 cubic feet/ 2.50 tons.

(14) Brunei:

USS FREDERICK (LST 1184) distributed 2,090 pounds/ 114 cubic feet/ 2.85 tons;

USS GEORGE PHILIP (FFG 12) distributed 1,200 pounds/ 84 cubic feet/ 2.10 tons.

(15) Poland:

USS HUE CITY (CG 66) distributed 1,440 pounds/ 53 cubic feet/ 1.33 tons;

USS VICKSBURG (CG-69) distributed 1,440 pounds/ 105 cubic feet/ 2.63 tons.

(16) Dominican Republic:

USCGC COURAGEOUS (WMEC 622) 2,750 pounds/ 130 cubic feet/ 3.25 tons.

(17) Israel:

USS PONCE (LPD 15) distributed 2,450 pounds/ 100 cubic feet/ 2.50 tons.

(18) Colombia;

USS HIGGINS (DDG 76) distributed 1,570 pounds/ 135 cubic feet/ 3.38 tons;

USS WADSWORTH (FFG 9) distributed 559 pounds/ 65 cubic feet/ 1.63 tons.

(19) Nicaragua:

USCGC CHASE (WHEC 718) distributed 1,950 pounds/ 180 cubic feet/ 4.50 tons.

(20) Trinidad and Tobago:

USCGC COURAGEOUS (WMEC 622) distributed 1,610 pounds/ 130 cubic feet/ 3.25 tons.

(21) Spain:

USS GUNSTON HALL (LSD 44) distributed 970 pounds/ 90 cubic feet/ 2.25 tons.

(22) Guam:

USS CHANCELLORSVILLE (CG-62) distributed 812 pounds/ 80 cubic feet/ 2.00 tons.

(23) England:

USS HUE CITY (CG 66) distributed 720 pounds/ 53 cubic feet/ 1.33 tons.

(24) Ecuador:

USS WADSWORTH (FFG 9) distributed 559 pounds/ 65 cubic feet/ 1.63 tons.

(25) Australia:

USS MOUNT VERNON (LSD 39) distributed 450 pounds/ 40 cubic feet/ 1.00 ton.

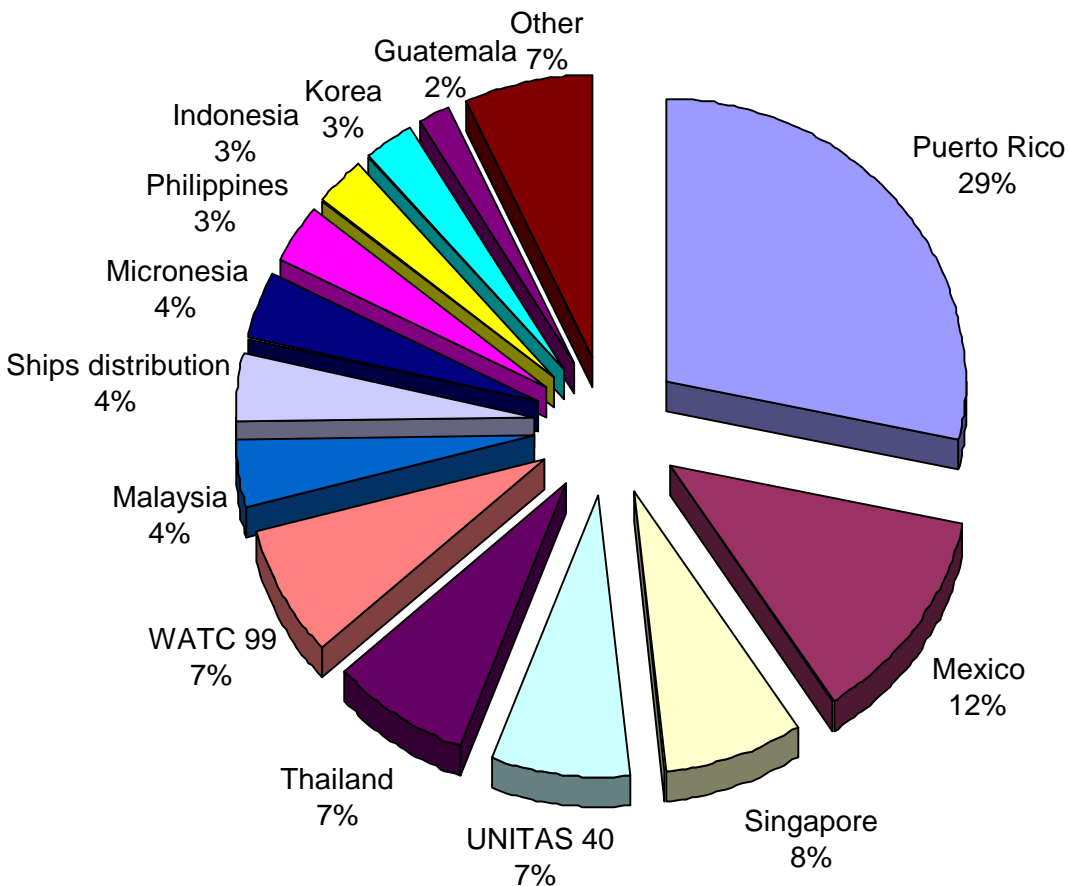
(26) East Timor:

USCINCPAC distributed 440 pounds/ 40 cubic feet/ 1.00 ton.

(27) American Samoa:

USS DECATUR (DDG 73) distributed 100 pounds/ 10 cubic feet/ .25 tons.

# 1999 Project Handclasp Distributions by Country



Other – American Samoa, Australia, Brunei, Colombia, Dominican Republic, East Timor, Ecuador, England, Guam, Israel, Nicaragua, Poland, Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.

UNITAS 40 – Consists of USCOMSOLANT sponsored distributions in: Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Peru, Ecuador, and Colombia.

WATC 99 – Consists of CINCUSNAVEUR sponsored distributions in: Ivory Coast, Ghana, Namibia, Nigeria, and South Africa.

## **Annex 2: 1999 Shipping Data–Ships**

This annex provides detailed information on participating ships, and quantity of material carried. The table is a summary of 52 ships and other transports which carried and/or distributed Project Handclasp materials during Calendar Year 1999. These figures include Project Handclasp shipments sent overseas and movement of material within CONUS.

### COMNAVSURFPAC:

<u>Note</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Weight(Lbs)</u>	<u>Cubic Feet</u>	<u>Measurement Tons</u>
	USS COMSTOCK (LSD 45)	201,750	9,840	246.00
	USS FREDERICK (LST 1184)	70,450	2,570	64.25
	USS ESSEX (LHD 2)	17,830	1,350	33.75
	USS JUNEAU (LPD 10)	11,910	1,140	28.50
	USS BLUE RIDGE (LCC 19)	9,614	561	14.03
	USS HARPERS FERRY (LSD 49)	8,400	560	14.00
	USS SACRAMENTO (AOE 1)	8,150	400	10.00
	USS GEORGE PHILIP (FFG 12)	6,000	420	10.50
	USNS TIPPECANOE (TAO 199)	5,250	234	5.85
	USS GARY (FFG 51)	4,950	261	6.53
	USS ELLIOT (DD 967)	3,500	180	4.50
	USS PAUL F FOSTER (DD 964)	3,133	170	4.25
	USS OGDEN (LPD 5)	2,500	140	3.50
	USS CURTS (FFG 38)	2,000	180	4.50
	USS CHOSIN (CG 65)	2,000	90	2.25
	USS LAKE ERIE (CG 70)	2,000	80	2.00
	USS PELELIU (LHA 5)	1,700	130	3.25
	USS CHANCELLORSVILLE (CG 62)	1,624	160	4.00
	USS KINKAID (DD 965)	1,500	130	3.25
	USS STETHEM (DDG 63)	1,300	80	2.00
	USS BENFOLD (DDG 65)	1,150	140	3.50
	USS CURTIS WILBUR (DDG 54)	1,120	120	3.00
	USS WADSWORTH (FFG 9)	1,118	130	3.25
	USS DECATUR (DDG 73)	450	40	1.00
	USS MOUNT VERNON (LSD 39)	450	40	1.00
	USS DUBUQUE (LPD 8)	400	40	1.00
	USS DAVID R RAY (DD 971)	300	40	1.00
(1)	<b><u>COMNAVSURFPAC TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>370,549</u></b>	<b><u>19,226</u></b>	<b><u>480.65</u></b>

## COMNAVSURFLANT:

<u>Note</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Weight(Lbs)</u>	<u>Cubic Feet</u>	<u>Measurement Tons</u>
(2)	USS WASP (LHD 1)	84,800	5,332	133.30
(3)	USCOMSOLANT	22,450	1,600	40.00
(4)	USS CARTER HALL (LSD 50)	22,100	1,520	38.00
	USS KEARSARGE (LHD 3)	2,654	151	3.78
	USS PONCE (LPD 15)	2,450	100	2.50
	USS HUE CITY (CG 66)	2,160	106	2.65
	USS HIGGINS (DDG 76)	1,570	135	3.38
	USS VICKSBURG (CG 69)	1,440	105	2.63
	USS GUNSTON HALL (LSD 44)	970	90	2.25
	<b><u>COMNAVSURFLANT TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>140,594</u></b>	<b><u>9,139</u></b>	<b><u>228.48</u></b>

## COMNAVAIRPAC:

<u>Note</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Weight(Lbs)</u>	<u>Cubic Feet</u>	<u>Measurement Tons</u>
	USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64)	14,450	971	24.28

## U.S. COAST GUARD:

<u>Note</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Weight(Lbs)</u>	<u>Cubic Feet</u>	<u>Measurement Tons</u>
	USCGC SASSAFRAS (WLB 401)	11,175	525	13.13
	USCGC CHASE (WHEC 718)	4,850	340	8.50
	USCGC COURAGEOUS (WMEC 622)	4,360	260	6.50
	USCGC ACTIVE (WMEC 618)	2,020	105	2.63
(3)	USCGC FORWARD (WHEC 11)		See Note (3)	
	<b><u>U.S. COAST GUARD TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>22,405</u></b>	<b><u>1,230</u></b>	<b><u>30.75</u></b>

## OTHER TRANSPORTS:

<u>Note</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Weight(Lbs)</u>	<u>Cubic Feet</u>	<u>Measurement Tons</u>
(5)	TRUCK (Staging to Norfolk, VA)	95,600	3,518	87.95
(6)	RAIL (Staging to Norfolk, VA)	51,100	4,160	104.00
(7)	RAIL (Staging to Sigonella, Italy)	17,400	1,340	33.50
(8)	USNS JOHN LENTHALL (TAO 189) (Staging to Sigonella, Italy)	17,400	1,340	33.50
(9)	USCINCPAC (C-22)	440	40	1.00
	<b><u>OTHER TRANSPORTS TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>181,940</u></b>	<b><u>10,398</u></b>	<b><u>259.95</u></b>

<b><u>GRAND TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>729,938</u></b>	<b><u>19,466</u></b>	<b><u>486.65</u></b>
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NOTES:

- (1) The following ships distributed PH material pre-positioned in Mazatlan, Mexico: USS CORONADO (AGF 11), USS JOHN A MOORE (FFG 19), USS MILIUS (DDG 69), and USS SIDES (FFG 14).
- (2) USS WASP (LHD 1) delivered consigned shipment to Puerto Rico.
- (3) Commands involved in the transportation/distribution of material during UNITAS 40: USS CARTER HALL (LSD 50), USS MCINERNEY (FFG 8), USS OBANNON (DD 987), USS CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI (SSN 709), USCGC FORWARD (WHEC 11), AND II MEF MARFOR UNITAS.
- (4) Material distributed during West African Training Cruise (WATC) 99.
- (5) Material transported from Lebanon, Pennsylvania to Norfolk, Virginia for staging.
- (6) PH material transported from San Diego, California to Norfolk, Virginia for staging.
- (7) PH material transported from San Diego, California to Norfolk, Virginia for further transport to Sigonella, Italy for staging.
- (8) PH material transported from Norfolk, Virginia to Sigonella for staging.
- (9) PH material airlifted San Diego to Honolulu and airlifted/distributed by USCINCPAC in East Timor.